

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 2-4, 10-12, and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over U.S. 5,751,965 (Mayo) and the background of Applicants' specification (the Background). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo does not teach, disclose, or suggest displaying a monitoring icon as recited in independent claim 2. Mayo discusses using a single icon to represent two parallel communication paths between a hub and a network. Col. 8, lines 7-27. Thus, the single icon represents two communication paths associated with a single network, and thus relate to the ability to communicate with the network, regardless of the devices in the network. While the Examiner cited Col. 8, lines 23-47 of Mayo as teaching monitoring a computer system with a plurality of devices (Office Action, page 2), this text does not discuss monitoring the plurality of devices, but the connections to the network that in turn includes the devices. In contrast, claim 2 recites displaying a monitoring icon with a normal indication if each of multiple UPSs coupled to a system are diagnosed to be in a normal state and displaying the monitoring icon with an abnormal indication if at least one of the multiple UPSs is diagnosed to be in an abnormal state. The Background is cited for discussing that UPS devices can be used with computer systems, and not to make up for the deficiencies noted in Mayo. For at least these reasons, independent claim 2 is patentable over Mayo and the Background. Claims 3 and 4, that depend directly and indirectly, respectively, from claim 2, are patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 2 is patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo further fails to teach, disclose, or suggest the processor recited in independent claim 10. Claim 10 recites a system for monitoring states of UPSs in operable communication with the system, with the system including a processor configured to generate a monitoring symbol having a first indicator if each UPS device being monitored is in a first state and a monitoring symbol having a second indicator if at least one of the UPS devices being monitored is in a second state. Mayo discusses an icon indicating status of connections to a network that includes devices, but does not teach, disclose, or suggest the recited processor configured to generate a monitoring symbol having a first indicator if each UPS device being monitored is in a first state and a

monitoring symbol having a second indicator if at least one of the UPS devices being monitored is in a second state. Thus, independent claim 10 is patentable over Mayo for at least these reasons. Claims 11 and 12, that depend directly and indirectly, respectively, from claim 10, are patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is patentable over Mayo and the Background.

Mayo does not teach, disclose, or suggest means for displaying a monitoring icon as recited in independent claim 17. Mayo discusses an icon indicating status of connections to a network that includes devices, but does not teach, disclose, or suggest means for displaying a monitoring icon with a normal indication if each of multiple UPSs coupled to a system are diagnosed to be in a normal state and means for displaying a monitoring icon with an abnormal indication if at least one of the multiple UPSs is diagnosed to be in an abnormal state. The Background is cited for discussing that UPS devices can be used with computer systems, and not to make up for the deficiencies noted in Mayo. For at least these reasons, independent claim 17 is patentable over Mayo and the Background.

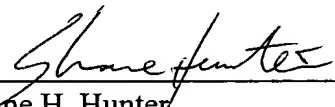
Claims 5-7, and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Mayo, the Background, and U.S. 6,456,306 (Chin). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo, the Background, and Chin. The Examiner did not assert that Chin makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to claims 2 and 10 from which claims 5-7 and 13-14 depend, respectively, and thus these claims are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, the text of Chin cited by the Examiner fails to teach, disclose, or suggest at least the opening recited in claim 5 or the configuration of the processor recited in claim 13. Claim 5 recites opening a dialog window when the monitoring icon is selected and claim 13 recites that the processor is configured to open a dialog window on the display when the monitoring symbol is selected. The Examiner asserted that Chin shows “opening a status window” but does not assert that Chin teaches doing so when a monitoring icon or symbol is selected and indeed the text of Chin cited by the Examiner discusses displaying a window in response to a device icon 601 being selected, not a monitoring icon or symbol. Chin, col. 6, lines 55-64. For at least these further reasons, claims 5 and 13 are patentable over Mayo, the Background, and Chin. Claims 6-7, that depend from claim 5, and claim 14, that depends from claim 13, are also patentable over Mayo, the Background, and Chin for at least these reasons.

Claims 8-9, 15-16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Mayo, the Background, Chin, and U.S. 5,825,656 (Moore). Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable over Mayo, the Background, Chin, and Moore. The Examiner did not assert that Moore makes up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claims 2, 5, 10, 13, or 17, and thus claims 8-9, that depend from 2 and 5, claims 15-16, that depend from claim 10 and 13, and claim 18, that depends from claim 17, are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claims 2, 5, 10, 13, and 17, respectively.

Claims 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over U.S. 6,618,163 (Roosen) and the Background. These claims have been canceled without prejudice and thus the rejection of these claims is moot.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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